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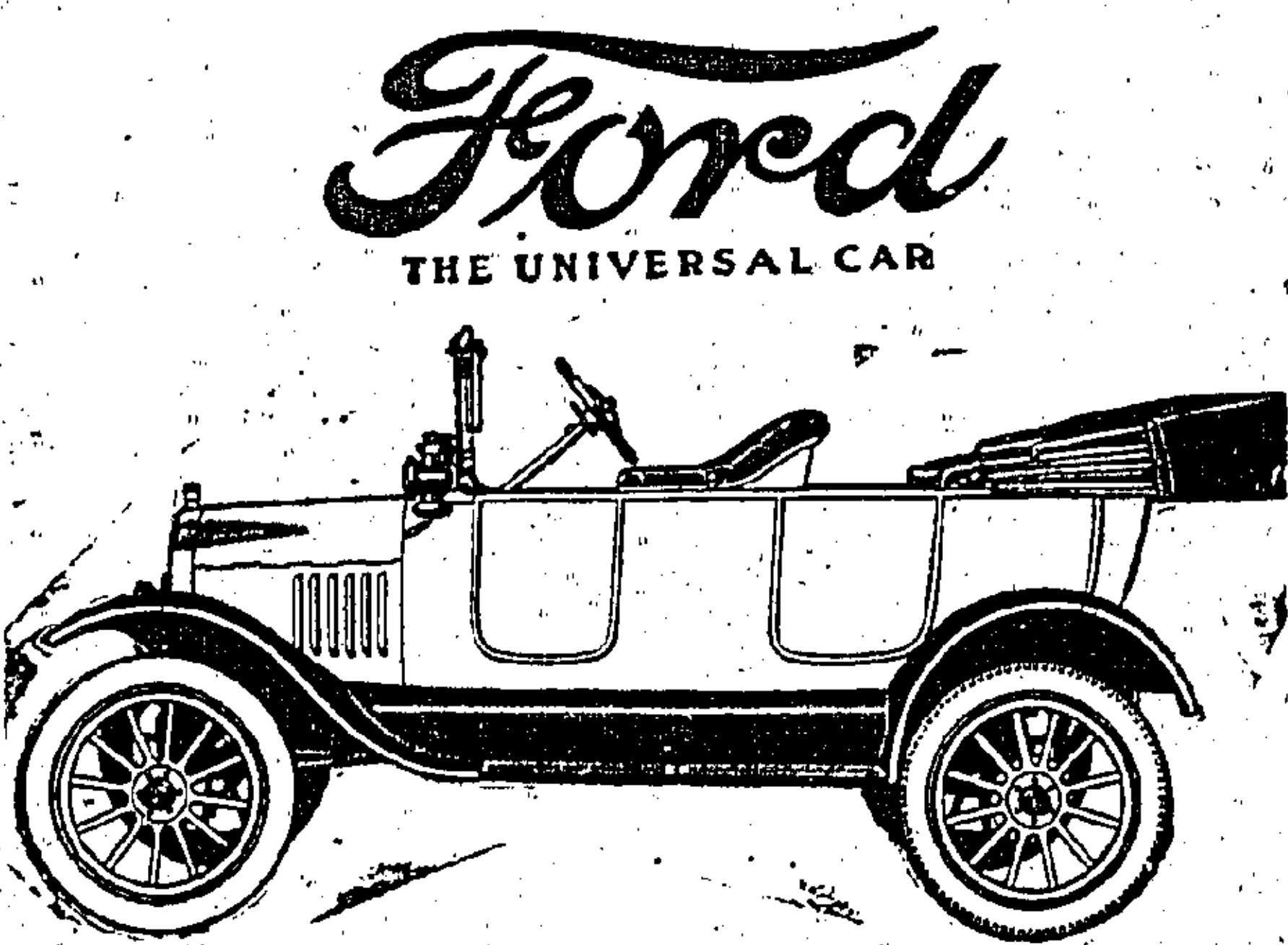
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SCOTTISH LETTER. LABOUR MEMBERS AND THE KING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, March 21st.

The 23 Scottish Labour members of Parliament most of them hailing from Clydeside, who have issued a repudiation of the statement that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had their approval when he accepted the King's invitation to dine at Buckingham Palace, have done no good either to themselves or to their party. Their declaration is all the more surprising in view of their insistence that their party should be recognised as the official Parliamentary Opposition. They take His Majesty's first formal recognition of that claim as the occasion for a childish comment, which, in so far as it has any effect, can only cast discredit upon themselves and impair the standing of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. It is worth noting that, with two exceptions, the signatories are now to the House of Commons, and therefore unacquainted with the social amenities which it has been the peculiar and happy distinction of British public life to maintain, in spite of party differences. The more experienced and responsible Scottish Labour Members have not added their names to the document. It is curious that those who pride themselves on the Holding of advanced views should revert to a fortune republicanism which has been out of fashion for over half a century. The assurance that the signatories will not accept invitations for themselves provokes the obvious comment that they would have been better to wait till they were asked. The phrasing of the manifesto is in bad taste, "plutocratic dinner parties" are coupled with invitations to dine at Buckingham Palace. This smacks too much of street corner oratory.

Even the late Mr. Keir Hardie, who was the representative of the straightest sect of Socialism, and whom the Glasgow Labour members regard as their patron saint, was less narrow-minded in his attitude. I believe that he went to a garden party at Buckingham Palace, and had a long conversation with King Edward. He, like the King, had had an attack of appendicitis, and their common ailment formed a natural subject of conversation. Afterwards the King was congratulated by a courier on the fact he had displayed in talking to the Labour leader, but the congratulations were not well received. "I am the father of all my people," said King Edward with emphasis, and the suggestion that he had been talking in friendly fashion to Mr. Keir Hardie from interested motives was hastily dropped.

THE PACIFIC, JAPAN AND THE CLYDE.

If the negotiations which have been in progress for some time past between the Japanese Government and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, their biggest steamship company, come to a satisfactory conclusion, the Clyde shipyards stand to gain. If they can get a big enough subsidy or guarantee, the Company propose to build a fleet of 23,000-ton liners, with a speed of at least eighteen knots, to run against the *Empress of Canada* and her consorts. Such ships would be much bigger than anything the Japanese have yet attempted to construct in their own yards, and although the Mitsubishi establishment could do the work experience has taught the Japanese that it is wiser to get the first unit of a radically new class built abroad, and then put into play their capacity for copying and adapting detail. The Clyde would no doubt welcome such an order on Japanese account, and even if it does not materialise it is probable that the Canadian Pacific would embark on a building programme to maintain her present pre-eminent position in the Pacific.

THE PASSING OF STEAM.

A twin-screw passenger line of 17,000 tons and 17 knots speed is being built for a Gothenburg firm, and there are being constructed for it internal combustion engines of a new type—more powerful than any at present in existence. These engines will be double-acting, and will develop 1,000 horse power in each cylinder, making a total of 13,500 horse power on two shafts. At present the highest power developed in one cylinder is about 750.

The Sulzer-engine vessel which the Fairfield Company, of Govan, are building and engineering for the Union Steamship Company, of New Zealand, will be about the same size and aggregate horse power, but in her case the power will be distributed over four shafts, so that the Gothenburg departure is of a very important character and one which will go far to enable internal combustion engines to wholly supersede steam engines of all kinds in the propulsion of the largest and fastest vessels.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced at Tower House, Birnam, on the 14th March, of Jane Hood Burn, widow of William Pirie, L.R.C.P.S., of Inverclyde.

REMARKABLE SHIPBUILDING RECORD.

Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Greenock, launched the twin-screw geared turbine steamer *Patroclus*, which they have built for Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co.'s, Blue Funnel Line. The *Patroclus* is the 66th steamer built by the Scots of Greenock for Messrs. Alfred Holt & Co. within 66 years—a record which, if not unique, at least one of the most remarkable in the annals of shipbuilding. The ship also marks a new development in the world wide activities of the owning firm, being the representative of a class of four steamers which will maintain a direct monthly service between China and this country. Another interesting feature of the proceedings was the laying of the keel plates of a sister ship on the vacant berth immediately after the *Patroclus* had been launched.

At the luncheon which followed the launch Mr. Lawrence Holt said the purpose of the new vessel was to link up Glasgow and Birkenhead with the Straits Settlements and China through the Suez Canal. They had been linking up those parts most successfully for many years for cargo-carrying purposes. They now felt it their duty to provide also for the conveyance and comfort of their fellow-countrymen who had to live in these regions, and those whose business carried them thither in promoting the trade of the country. The four boats of the new class were to maintain a monthly service and he was confident that they would fulfil their mission very well. They were not intended to compete with the older passenger lines.

A SOUTH BRAS ROMANCE.

The death of Lieutenant-Colonel T. D. Murray, D.S.O., of Anstruther, Fifeshire, recalls the interesting ancestry of his wife, who survives him, and who is the only daughter of the late Sheriff Darsie, of Johnstone Lodge, Anstruther. Mrs. Murray's mother was a Princess of the reigning house of Tahiti, in the South Sea, where Mr. Darsie, met her while engaged there in commerce. She returned with her Scots husband to Anstruther, where she died about twenty years ago.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S EQUERRY.

Wing-Commander Louis L. Greig, who acted as equerry to the Duke of York at the Rugby match in Edinburgh between England and Scotland, has played in five international games in all, including that in 1905 against the "Springboks." He captained the Scottish side. His first international, against the "All Blacks" in 1905, saw each side on that occasion with seven forwards, the extra player behind the scrum being given a roving commission. This "five-eighth" formation was an innovation of the New Zealanders, and while not copied wholeheartedly in these islands it undoubtedly led to the coming into being of the wing forward.

SCOTTISH AND THE MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

The Royal Tournament at Olympia, London, is to be of an exceptionally picturesque and attractive kind. The special pageant will have some such title as "Scotland the Brave." It will show the evolution of all our Scottish regiments from the time of our early forefathers and there will be literally "A hundred pipers and a'."

THE NATIONAL GOLF HANDICAPS.

The issue of another list of national handicaps and with it the conditions for the Amateur Championship will set the minds of intending competitors at rest as to where they stand. The limit handicap for entry is five, which with the backmarkers at scratch is probably a little more generous than the "old scratch or better" qualifications. The conditions for the Championship are otherwise similar to those of a year ago. The Committee direct attention to the new amateur definition which came into force this year and which detars from entry any player who because of his skill at the game, has received after December 31st last a salary or remuneration, either directly or indirectly, from any firm dealing in goods relating to the playing of the game. Will it, one wonders, find itself in operation? The lists of the national handicaps will doubtless be scrutinised closely by the players concerned. There are anomalies in the ratings. There are men, for instance, put at three, great match-fighters who only in the last Prestwick Championship had some of the biggest men struggling for their lives, and grouped with them, or even placed behind them, are men who are either back numbers or men of whom you have never heard. There must be many comparisons made these days between individual players in the different groups. Plenty of three handicap men would doubtless be willing to take on some of those in the groups with shorter handicaps. But the test of whether or not a particular handicap is right is a man's willingness to play either of the three who have been placed at scratch. On the whole current form has been fairly accurately rated, and at any rate a long step forward has been made in comparison with the old haphazard method of taking scratch as a basis when the term meant three or four totally different things in as many parts of the country.

THE GOLF BOOM.

Another super-golf scheme is to be proceeded with in Scotland: a syndicate has been formed to make a new course at Lunan Bay, Montrose. Few now-a-days affect to despise the accompaniment of the beautiful in golf, as crystallised in the saying of a famous Scottish professional—"D— the scenery: whaur's the first tee?" The game thrives best amidst picturesque surroundings, and it is the wisest course to ally golfing attractions with the beautiful.

Overlooking the North Sea, with a vantage ground and seascapes recalling Portpatrick, the Lunan Bay site seems quite ideal. At Taymouth Castle in picturesque Highland scenery, another golf scheme is proceeding as an annex to big catering developments in Perthshire. And in the immediate future it is safe to predict a new network of seaside and inland super-courses which will give our country a still bigger pull in attracting visitors from all parts of the world. Verily great is the power of the "wee white ba'."

THE "SMA" STILL.

The owner of a "toy still" at a dancing hall has been fined £200, and this recalls that exactly a hundred years ago the Government sanctioned "sma" stills, especially in the Highlands, for the express purpose of putting down smuggling and illicit distilling. How widespread the evil was may be gathered from the fact that at one day's Justice of the Peace Court in Inverness alone four hundred cases were brought up for sentence and £3,500 was collected in fines. In some districts a justice could not be got to deal with the offenders.

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the local magnates being all implicated in the traffic. Lairs, impoverished in many cases, who had peat mosses on their estates worth perhaps £200 a year, would get five, six or seven hundred from the illicit distillers for the fuel, while farmers got a much better price from the same quarter for their barley. Not only were smuggled spirits cheaper, more easily obtained, and more lavishly consumed than the Custom-ed article, but they were better in the sense that the legalised distiller had to produce so many gallons of wash from the ton of barley, necessitating the addition of water, while the illicit product was the real "Simon pure."

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One other incident illustrates the spirit of these happy-go-lucky pioneers. Hollinger had another friend, Barney McEnaney. To McEnaney he made a promise, which must have had the approval of McMahon, his grub-staker, that if he found anything he would also stake a claim for Barney. Hollinger kept this promise and as events proved thereby added another interesting chapter to the history of Porcupine Camp.

THE TREASURE DISCLOSED.

Hollinger fell in with another young prospector, Alex Gillies, and they remained together for company. They roamed around looking at claims that had been staked and chatting with the owners. One of the latter, Bill Davidson, a veteran of British Columbia mining camps, told them there was some good ground open near two or three of his claims some miles back, where he was then working he obviously thought was better, but the locality he suggested might be worth a chance, and he actually described to them where they would find quartz veins.

Hollinger and Gillies took the tip thankfully. They found the quartz veins, almost lost in low-lying spruce swamps, the feature which had probably discouraged the veterans. They staked twelve claims. They were working as companions, not as partners, so to decide ownership they tossed a coin. Hollinger took the six western claims and Gillies the six eastern. Eventually the Gillies claims were incorporated in the holdings of the Hollinger Company.

When Hollinger began to uncover and trace some of his quartz outcroppings in accordance with the present requirements of the Mining Department, he encountered a sight which must have impressed even his nose too experienced eyes. It needed no assay to reveal the yellow gold sticking out all over the white quartz. The big discovery was on Lot 10, 2nd Concession, Hollinger Township, and the records state that Hollinger staked it on October 6th, 1900. It is said the remains of a prospector's forge with some wood-grown workings were found on the property, showing that someone had been there years before Hollinger.

When the snow came Hollinger returned to Cobalt and Halley Bay, taking with him, of course, all the samples he could carry. News of these samples caused the real stampede to Porcupine. Hollinger shortly encountered Alphonse Pare, prospector and mining engineer, a nephew of the Timmins brothers, former country storekeepers, who had made a moderate fortune digging silver out of Cobalt. When Pare saw Hollinger's samples, he fairly dragged the young prospector over winter trails back to Porcupine to see the place they came from. Unseasonable rains had melted the snow and Pare saw. Then and there Pare, acting on behalf of the Timmins-McMortin-Dunlap Syndicate, made a deal with Hollinger, \$2,000 cash for the right to look in, and a total price of \$230,000 if at the end of the brief option period they wished to close the deal. When they came to complete the purchase they asked Hollinger if he would like to

take stock in the company they were going to form as part payment of the \$230,000. They were prepared to offer 50,000 shares of stock, which was a one-twelfth interest, and some cash. But Benny preferred all cash. Fifty thousand shares in the original company at to-day's prices would be worth about two and a half millions. Benny never had any regrets or recriminations. "I suppose I might have made more," he used to say, "but they treated me square, all right."

THE MEN WHO BOUGHT THE CLAIMS.

The five partners who bought Hollinger's claims were the two Timmins brothers, two McMortin brothers (now dead), and D. A. Dunlap. They had sprung into wealth at Cobalt, "silver farming" it was derisively called by experienced miners, but they had not enough ready cash to develop Hollinger. So they sold a limited block of stock at \$3.50 a share. But the members of the original syndicate or, in the case of the McMortins, their families, still hold 70 per cent of the total capitalisation, and are drawing dividends at the rate of \$6,000 a day. A share of stock which was sold at \$3.50 is now worth about \$60.00.

What did Benny Hollinger do with his \$330,000 old cash? The first thing was to give half of it to McMahon. The next thing was to look after those he loved. Benny was born at Point Alexander, a post office on the upper reaches of the Ottawa River. Pembroke, twenty-five miles away, was the nearest important town. No doubt in childhood days it represented the comforts of civilisation. To Pembroke, therefore, with his \$165,000 Hollinger hied himself. Either he brought his father and mother from Point Alexander. And there he married Nellie Hill and established his home. But mining continued to be Hollinger's real business, though he never repeated his one big strike. He was almost immediately on the prospector's trail again.

HOLLINGER'S DEATH.

A few miles from his great discovery he found some claims that seemed to him to have a similar formation. So he bought them from the discoverers and organised a company of his own, which he called the Hollinger Reserve. But a quartz gold prospector requires a lot of money, as even the purchasers of Hollinger's first strike found out. And by the time Hollinger's personally conducted stock sales campaign fell flat his resources were becoming depleted. Eventually the Hollinger Reserve property was disposed of by sheriff's sale. And who bought it in? None other than Benny's old friend Barney McEnaney, for whom Benny had staked a claim in no hurry to sell his claim, although it was doubtful if he had much idea of its real value. It was well located, however, and Barney had many offers. Eventually he sold. While what was to become the world's greatest goldmine brought \$330,000, of which Hollinger got \$165,000, Barney is said to have received \$500,000 for the claim that was a gift from Hollinger. Someone asked Hollinger about it. "I am as glad as Barney," he replied. "It was not unkind that it should be to McEnaney that bought in from the sheriff Hollinger's ill-starred second venture. Shortly afterwards McEnaney died."

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THE RESTORATION OF LIAOTUNG.

WU PEI FU URGES ABOGATION
OF 1915 TREATY.

General Wu Pei Fu's telegram to the Peking Government backing their stand on the Twenty-One Demand Note to Japan, took a whirl at international politics as well as going on record in defiance of Japan. This telegram was sent from Loyang on the 9th instant and in it General Wu says:—

"Since Japan has refused to recognise China's request repudiating the Twenty-One Demands and returning Port Arthur and Dairen, the people have been greatly excited. The Twenty-One Demands were signed under duress; they were proclaimed invalid by the Chinese delegation at the Paris Peace Conference and again at the Washington Conference. Furthermore, the highest organ of the country, Parliament, has not given its approval to them. It is merely a matter of time that no treaty becomes valid until the concurrence of Parliament has been obtained. An instance of this nature may be found in the repudiation of the Paris Treaty by the Senate of the United States. Of late we have heard much of the friendly relations between Japan and China and the maintenance of peace in the Far East. It is my opinion, however, that the people of the two countries should realise the fact that no friendly relations can be established nor actual peace effected if obstacles are allowed to be put in the way. As a hole is the beginning of a bursting dam, the Japanese cannot gain by continuing to refuse China's request. It is earnestly hoped, that both the Central Government and the Chinese people, based on justice and right, will present a united effort in the fight against Japan."

EGGS FROM CHINA.

THE MERCHANDISE MARKS BILL.

The House of Commons was in merry mood on March 16th over the Merchandise Marks Bill, which provides for the compulsory marking of imported eggs, as well as other produce.

Mr. Petyman, who moved the second reading, told of an old lady of Nottingham who bought a sitting of eggs, from which the hen hatched not chicks but lizards. The eggs had come from China. Mr. J. M. Hodge declared that if Dan Leno had been alive he would have got his principal gag out of this Bill, and suggested that each shell should be stamped with the portrait of the mother of the egg. If eggs were to be given a passport, then, he asserted, amidst laughter, sausages should be indelibly marked with source of origin.

Mr. Darbishire (Westbury, L.) said he had been inundated with letters on this subject, chiefly from poultry farmers in his constituency. He did not subscribe to the doctrine that a member came to the House specially to protect the interests of his constituents, but rather to seek the good of the community as a whole. There must be something wrong with the egg industry of this country when so perishable an article as an egg could be brought thousands of miles and sold here at a profit in competition with the home-produced article. It reminded him of the saying of Joseph Chamberlain: "Those who do well do not advertise it; those who do badly blame everyone but themselves."

Nobody took the debate very seriously. Sir Robert Sanders, the Minister for Agriculture, argued that if any one wanted Chinese eggs he should be allowed to have them, but he should know before he broke the shell what he was buying. "At present," he said, "the consumer is paying for a dip in the lucky bag. The object of the Bill is that he shall pay not for a chance but for a certainty."

The Government did not take sides, and in a free division the Bill was accorded a second reading by 183 votes to 100. Which is hard on the woman of Nottingham if she really wants lizards.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extrême Orient, in their report dated Saigon, April 9th, state:—The position of our market has been strengthened by a fair amount of business closed with Cuba for April/May shipment. On the other hand, the supplies of paddy received from the interior have decreased considerably. There is no demand from Europe and from the Far Eastern markets.

The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to March 31st is 243,564 tons against 257,921 in 1922.

We quote to-day:—White Saigon rice, No. 2 sifted, Japan quality, Hongkong, \$5.47 per picul, f.o.b. Saigon for April/May shipment.

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EUROPEAN ENGINEER SENT TO PRISON.

"UNPROVOKED AND BRUTAL ASSAULT" ON CHIEF ENGINEER.

W. O. Nicoll, a ship's engineer, on the s.s. Yue Fing Wo, was charged at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday morning, with assaulting the Chief Engineer of the vessel, Mr. George Grant on April 4th.

Evidence was given by the master of the vessel, Captain William Ross. He said the ship left Hongkong at noon on April 4th, bound for Hoihow. They were approaching Sulphur Channel when the chief engineer came up on the bridge and reported that the second engineer had struck him. They agreed to try and continue the voyage, but shortly afterwards the chief engineer again came on the bridge and reported that defendant was giving further trouble. It was decided to return to Hongkong and have the matter adjusted. Capt. Ross anchored off Stonecutter's and reported the trouble to the Harbour Master.

The complainant told the Court that defendant was under the influence of drink. He had been drinking for some days. He had been in the ship since January and witness had had no trouble with him before. They had only two European engineers in the ship. On April 4th just as the "stand by" went, defendant came down to the engine room. Witness was standing on the stairway platform. Defendant pushed him away from the starting handle and then struck him and knocked him down. He got up and the defendant went for him again. Witness knocked him down and was successful in getting the vessel under way. Defendant went up on deck and witness proceeded to the bridge and reported the assault to the master. It was arranged that they should continue the voyage if possible and witness went to his cabin to dress. Defendant came along and again threatened him. Witness again reported this to Capt. Ross, and it was decided to return to Hongkong.

Commander Beckwith, R.N. (Marine Magistrate) found the defendant "guilty" and he described the offence as an "unprovoked and brutal assault." Defendant continued to threaten the chief engineer and through his conduct he impeded the voyage of the ship, making it necessary for the vessel to return to Hongkong. His Worship took into consideration the fact that defendant had been in police custody for twenty days, but as a warning to others who might be inclined to follow his example and delay a ship when on her voyage, he would order him to be sent to prison for 30 days with hard labour.

GIRL KIDNAPPED.

WONDERFUL STORY OF WEALTH IN AMERICA.

A Chinese named Ip Sang, an employee of the Imports and Exports Office, appeared before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, charged with kidnapping an eighteen year old girl, and, alternatively, with harbouring her. The offence was alleged to have taken place on the 6th inst.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida appeared on behalf of the complainant in the case, an old Chinese woman whose mistress, the girl was.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, an assistant in the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, outlined the case, which he stated had been brought to the notice of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs by the complainant. As a result of certain information the police went to a house in Graham Street and found the accused and the girl. Defendant was alleged to have enticed her away from her home by promising her agreeable employment in America. He was also alleged to have given her an obnoxious drink in order to weaken her resistance.

The girl's mistress, who lives in a house at Battery Street, Yau-mat, went into the box and said the girl had been with her ever since she was six years of age. On April 6th she sent her on an errand, and saw nothing more of her till the day she was discovered by the police.

In evidence the girl stated that she met the defendant on the premises of a sewing woman in Hongkong, to whose house she had gone on an errand for her mistress. He told her that there were excellent prospects for her in America if she would only go. There, according to him, a gold piece was to be had for the simple service of handing a person a towel. He added that her passage money would come to several hundreds of dollars, but suggested if she had not got the sum, she could steal it from her mistress, together with jewellery. She saw him the next day, and he then suggested that she should come away with him. At the same time he gave her tea to drink and placed a handkerchief under her nose which had the effect of stupefying her. He then took her away, and she had lived with him at various addresses since.

Defendant denied that he took the girl away against her will. He alleged that she had offered to be his wife on payment of \$50, and even though he reminded her that he was old for her, she said she loved him, and that did not matter. She also told him that she had no friends, and no relatives in Hongkong.

The Magistrate did not believe the man's story, and sentenced him to six months' hard labour.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP, THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR WILLIAM REES-DAVIES)).

MURDER TRIAL OPENED.

BOUND WOMAN SHOT AT AND MURDERED.

A murder trial was opened yesterday morning at the Criminal Sessions, in which two men named Wu Kwong Cheung and Lam Chuen are indicted for murdering a woman, called Leung Sam Mui, on February 9th at No. 48, The Praya, Kennedy Town.

"In the interests of justice," His Lordship explained to the Jury, it had been agreed that the two men should be tried separately. The case against Leung Sam Mui was taken first.

The Attorney-General (Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C.) appeared for the Crown and Mr. Campbell Prosser, barrister-at-law, represented the two prisoners.

The Jury empanelled for the case comprised:—Messrs. J. Thayer (foreman), C. Bentley, W. W. Mackenzie, V. Hartman, H. M. Campos, P. N. Squire and A. S. Abbott.

The Attorney-General, in opening the case, said that the deceased was a knitting operative and she worked a knitting machine which was kept at 48, Praya, Kennedy Town. The third floor, where the murder took place, was occupied by the owner of the machine and he lived there with his wife and concubines. At the time of the murder the prisoner was employed there as a substitute servant boy. Plans of the building would be put in but it was proposed that the Jury should visit the premises later on. On the afternoon of February 9th, at about 3 o'clock, the deceased woman, the wife of the occupant of the third floor, a maid servant and the prisoner were the only persons on the floor. The floor immediately below was unoccupied and locked up. About this time the prisoner sent the maid servant out of the house on an errand. The murdered woman and the wife were then seated near the window. Two men entered the room, the first being the prisoner. He had a revolver in his hand and apparently the other man was unarmed. Prisoner pointed the revolver at the deceased and he ordered the two women to go up-stairs to a small room above the third floor. This room was occupied by the prisoner. They were there tied up by the second man with string which was lying on the prisoner's bed. The deceased woman objected to the first instance to going into the room. The wife of the occupant was very frightened at the time and had not a clear recollection of what happened. She was too frightened to look up. She heard four shots fired. The murdered woman fell against a rattan chair and the wife of the occupant fell on top of her, apparently from fright. The men then left the room and locked the door. About this time the door bell began to ring and continued to ring for some time. This was, of course, the servant girl returning from her errand. The prisoner opened the door and let her in. She went up the stairs, followed by the prisoner, for part of the way. When she got to the top of the third floor she looked down the well of the stairs and saw a man in blue clothing going down the stairs with a hand bag in his hand. She could not see his face. This man must have been the second prisoner, and he had hidden in the second floor kitchen which was later found to have been broken open. After the discovery the alarm was raised and a scolic from the godown below cut the string which bound the murdered woman. The police were summoned and it was found that a hand-bag, some clothing, a quantity of money and a hair press were missing.

Subsequently the police raided a house in Shauiwan and there found the prisoner and another man. They attempted to run away but were caught. The missing bag was found on the premises and all the stolen clothing. On the prisoner was found \$37 in money, and on the other man \$30. The other man would be called as a witness and he would say that the prisoner gave him \$30 that afternoon.

On the following day the second man, who was not yet before the Court, was arrested in Holland Street and in his possession were found some keys. He took the police to a certain house and in a bag which was opened by one of the keys, was found the missing hair press and also a revolver, which contained one live round and five empty rounds and about 30 additional live rounds. The revolver had been recently used and the calibre of the bullets was the same as the bullet found in the neck of the murdered woman.

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SUMMARY COURT.

(BEFORE THE PUNISH JUDGE (MR. JUSTICE COMPERT)).

WHEN COUSINS FALL OUT.

Rahmit Ullah, an Indian, brought a suit against Mir Afza, in the Summary Court yesterday morning for the recovery of \$100 lended by him to the defendant on September 17th, 1932. Both the plaintiff and the defendant are employed as ship's guards on board the s.s. On Lee.

Mr. C. A. S. Ross appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Corbett for the defendant.

Mr. Ross, in outlining the case, said that the parties were cousins. On September 17th the defendant asked the plaintiff for a loan of \$125. Plaintiff was of the opinion that the defendant required the money to send home. He had not the money by him but had \$160 in his locker at the Club of which he and the defendant were members. He told the defendant where he had the money and the latter offered to go and take the \$125 from the locker. The plaintiff, after some persuasion, consented to this and gave the defendant the key of the locker. On reaching the club the defendant met a sergeant guard who was looked upon as the head of the Club. This man demurred that the defendant should open another man's locker but when defendant showed him the key and told him how much money was in the locker they both agreed to open the locker together. The defendant took the \$125, locked up the locker and took the key back to the plaintiff. Nothing further happened until the beginning of January when the plaintiff asked for the money to be refunded. Defendant then paid over \$25 and promised to pay the remainder later. Sometime in January the parties had some little difference. The defendant, who was the senior guard of the two, ordered the plaintiff to perform some domestic duties for him. They quarrelled. When asked for the remainder of the money the defendant said "I won't pay you. My heart is not proper." This, according to Mr. Ross, meant in the vernacular that the defendant would not pay him whilst he was still angry with him. No more money had been paid up to the present. The defence was a complete denial of the debt.

After hearing the evidence on both sides His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

THE CHARTERED BANK.

A SUPPLEMENTAL ROYAL CHARTER SOUGHT.

An extraordinary meeting of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China was to be held after the general meeting of the proprietors on April 4th to approve of an application for a supplemental Royal Charter. This proposes to authorise the bank to issue and have in circulation (subject to certain conditions therein mentioned), promissory notes to the amount of \$20,000,000, and with due notice to the Treasury to the amount of \$30,000,000. It is also proposed to authorise the bank to carry on as part of its business all classes of trustee and executor business.

MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA.

The net profit for 1932, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, and including \$137,671 brought forward, amounted to \$240,105. From this sum has to be deducted \$24,000, being the interim dividend of 8 per cent, less Income Tax, on the "A," "B" and "C" shares paid in September last. The directors have added \$50,000 to the reserve fund, raising it to \$1,200,000; \$15,000 to the officers' pension fund, and written \$20,000 off freehold banking premises. They now recommend a final dividend on the "A," "B," and "C" share of 8 per cent, less Income Tax, making 16 per cent for the year, leaving \$122,105 to be carried forward. A year ago, when \$127,633 was brought in, the profit totalled \$350,671, and the dividend was the same as that now announced.

At the Magistrate's Court yesterday a statement in which he denied shooting the murdered woman and pointed out that the wife of the occupant had not identified him although she had looked at him for a quarter of an hour. She identified him when asked a second time. It was quite true, added the Attorney-General, that the woman did fail to recognise him but she recognised him later. He pointed out that the woman had one blind eye.

There were some difficulties in the case, one of which was that four or five shots had been fired but only one bullet had been traced. The police had searched for them but could not find any trace. This was very curious, but it was just possible that they may have been fired outside the door. One theory was that they intended to kill both women and it was just possible that when they saw the second woman fall on top of the murdered woman they thought that she had been killed also.

Expert evidence was afterwards given by Mr. G. W. Auerall (carcorder of the Hongkong Defence Corps), as to the state of the revolver when he examined it. The wife of the occupant of the floor also gave evidence after which the case was adjourned.

THE WARFARE IN KWANGTUNG.

VICTORIOUS PROGRESS OF PRO-SUN FORCES.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen's forces on the 22nd inst. occupied Shuihing, "the nominal headquarters of the Kwangsi Army." Lupo was captured on the previous day. Forces, formerly stationed at Kongmoon are co-operating with the pro-Sun Yunnanese and Cantonese in the West River section.

It is reported that the Constitutional force pursuing the Kwangsi army in the North River section have advanced as far as Pak-konghou.

A wireless report from Shuihwan states that General Shih Hung Ying, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangsi Forces, is preparing to evacuate Shuihwan, retiring into Kiangsi.

Another message from Shuihwan reports the arrival there recently of one division of Northern troops which have been sent to the front and are being attacked by the Allied Constitutional forces.

The Canton Daily News reports that General Li Lih Chun, recently appointed military commissioner of the Kiangsi frontier by the Generalissimo (Dr. Sun Yat Sen) has reached Amoy. His four divisions have been completely reorganized and well equipped, and will soon be placed along the frontier. From an authoritative source, it is learnt that Li has been ordered to stop any advance of the Northern troops toward the South.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, accompanied by General Chu Pei Teh, Chief of Staff, and Mr. Yang Shi Kan, Chief Secretary, visited the wounded soldiers at the Canton Hospital on Sunday at noon. The Generalissimo inspected the whole hospital and went through all the rooms where the wounded are being taken care of. Dr. J. W. Wright, the Rev. Joseph Thomson and others of the hospital met the Generalissimo at the gate of the Hospital when the party arrived. All the sick men there were greatly cheered and the wounded soldiers were especially grateful for the personal touch given them by the Generalissimo.

General Yang Hsi Min, Garrison Commander of the City of Canton, has issued an order, that although the Government is conducting a military campaign to crush the revolt started by Shih Hung Ying, the families of the rebellious troops residing in Canton will be fully protected.

CORRESPONDENCE.

PEAK TRAMS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—A short time ago the General Officer Commanding very reasonably issued an order to the troops that they were not to use the Peak Trams during the busy hours of the day. This order was respected for a brief period only, and since then things have gradually drifted back to their old footing until to-day we find the 1.50 p.m., 2 p.m. and the 2.10 p.m. car each containing not less than fifteen soldiers travelling down to hockey and football, leaving a number of busy workers on the upper tram station.

The Tramway Company's representative, whilst admitting this, states that he has no power to keep the troops from using the cars during the forbidden hours.

Perhaps the publicity of this letter will result in the G.O.C. seeing that his orders are, if observed.—Yours truly, TRAVELLER.

CROWN LAND SALE.

DESULTORY BIDDING.

Kowloon Island Lot No. 1874, at Hok Tin, was sold by auction at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon. The land comprises an area of about 31,200 square feet, and the annual rental is fixed at \$238. The upset price was fixed at \$21,200. There was not a very large number of bidders present in comparison with the crowds which have been present at sales of Government property of late, and it was some seconds before the auctioneer, Mr. Parker Ross, got a bid. The price started at \$21,500, and rose very slowly to \$27,400, at which price it was eventually sold. In the course of the sale Mr. Ross remarked that in time to come the property would be a valuable one, and he pointed out that the road now in course of construction to Kowloon City ran right past it. "Wait till you have tramcars and buses running past," he said, "then you will think the land worth something." However, "I mean it," the Auctioneer repeated. "At the rate developments are going ahead in this Colony now, these things are bound to come." The purchasers of the lot were Wong Hin Man, Chau Sau Fun, and four others, and the address given was 163, Queen's Road Central.

SPORT.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

NG SZE KWONG RETAINS THE COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP.

O. RUMJAHN'S SPLENDID FIGHT.

By defeating O. Rumjahn in the challenge round by three sets to one, Ng Sze Kwong retains the title of Champion tennis player of the Colony for one more year. This is the sixth year in succession that Ng Sze Kwong has won the title. He has already won one trophy outright and yesterday he took unto himself another, which means that for next year's tournament another cup will have to be provided. The challenger, this year, O. Rumjahn, put up a splendid fight, Ng Sze Kwong deserved his victory but his opponent had extremely hard luck in not forcing the Chinese player to play the 11 five sets. In the second set he played a rattling game of tennis and claimed the set by six games to four. He should have had the next also. He was within an ace of securing it with only one point standing between him and the set. Ng Sze Kwong had good "joss" in hitting the top of the net with the stroke that the Indian player needed to give him the set. The ball just rolled over the top of the net, making it deuce again. From then onwards the Chinese player had things more or less his own way and secured this set, 7-5, and the fourth, 6-1. Towards the end of the third set and right through the fourth set it was evident that Rumjahn had shot his bolt. He was practically played to a stand-still, but he struggled gamely right on to the end, and his defeat can be mainly attributed to the tactics and stamina of the more experienced player.

Rumjahn is but a young player and if he improves in his play at the rate he has done during the past year he will no doubt figure again in the challenge round and it is fairly safe to assume that sooner or later one of the Rumjahn boys, as all goes well with them, will win the cup.

Yesterday's match attracted a large crowd of people and by the time the match started the stands surrounding the Court were well-filled. The spectators had a good run for their money and not until the end of the third set did the game develop into a one-sided affair. Ng Sze Kwong opened in his usual bright way and, with the aid of a little bit of "joss," took the first set with ease. It was some little time before Rumjahn settled down to his game, but with the opening of the second set he got going strong and played quite convincing tennis. His activity and alertness in getting back really difficult shots from all sorts of awkward angles brought him unstinted applause. Encouraged by his success and cheered by the appreciation of the spectators he improved as the set went on from game to game. He lost three of the first four games but by some bright play he made the score three games all. He lost the next to his opponent's service but secured the next, making four games all and amidst much applause he won the fifth and sixth games which gave him the set. Throughout this set it must be said that Ng Sze Kwong did not appear to be asserting himself and his usual style of finishing up at the net and smashing out of his opponent's reach was entirely missing. Rumjahn by some judicious lobbing kept him well back on the base line. Another noticeable fault of Ng's in this set was his persistent forehead driving over the base line.

Rumjahn continued to please the spectators in the third set by his bright play. By good serving, careful placing and a determination to get everything back, he took the score in surprising manner to five games to two in his favour. As already stated, he was within an ace of getting the set, 6-4, when he started on the decline. Despite his good lead, he lost the set 7-5. It was towards the end of this set that Ng Sze Kwong began really to assert himself. He approached the net with greater frequency and began to score points rapidly.

In the last set Rumjahn looked a finished man. He was tired and the Champion made the most of his advantage. He sent the ball from corner to corner and finished up by smashing well out of the Indian's reach. Ng's forehead drive became more deadly and he sent the ball skimming just over the top of the net at a swift pace. His play in this set was brilliant. He rarely made a mistake and took game after game with ease. It was the tennis we have seen him play in the past, and above all he did not seem to show any signs of tiring. Rumjahn only managed to get one game in this set and this was the third. He forced several deuces but from the commencement it was seen that he was a beaten man.

The scores were:—6-1, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. (Continued at foot of next column.)

KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

K.R.A. ACTIVITY.

We have received the following from Mr. T. A. Martin, Hon. Secretary of the Kowloon Residents' Association:—

Since the annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association, several matters of interest and importance have engaged the attention of the Committee.

CONGESTION ON THE STAR FERRIES.
In regard to the inconvenience caused by reason of the daily congestion on the Star Ferry boats, the attention of the Government was drawn to the subject, and a reply was received stating that the Government contemplated the institution of a ferry service to carry wheeled traffic as well as passengers from a wharf near the Central Market to the neighbourhood of Jordan Road. The Committee considered that this might solve the problem in the distant future, but that there was need of an immediate improvement in the conditions of travelling. It was thereupon decided to point out to the Ferry Company the inadequacy of the present service and to ask what steps would be taken to improve matters.

IMPROVED POSTAL FACILITIES WANTED.
Another subject which has received considerable attention is that of better postal facilities for Kowloon. Representations have been made to the Government on the matter. A Sub-committee has been appointed to consider certain proposed improvements, these covering the supply of postage stamps and money orders at several centres and the provision of further pillar-boxes at convenient points.

THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.
The Government has been approached regarding the inadequacy of the present shelter on the Children's Playground during the summer months, the suggestion being made that a temporary shed be erected to afford shade to the large number of children using the compound. The Association has learned unofficially that in the new Town Planning scheme provision has been made for a new playground on the triangular patch of ground near Middle Road.

WATER SUPPLY.
The water supply question engaged the attention of the Committee at its March meeting, when it was resolved to suggest to the Government that the supply be restricted for a few hours daily, in order to save off the possibility of stopping the supply for long and inconvenient hours. At the following meeting it was reported that the Government had restricted the supply.

DUMPING RUBBISH.
Complaints were received regarding the practice of Chinese dumping their house rubbish on the vacant ground adjoining the Kwong Wah Hospital, and the Captain Superintendent of Police was written to on the subject. No reply having been received, a communication has since been made to the Colonial Secretary, enclosing the Association's letter to the C.S.P.

OTHER SUBJECTS.
Other subjects dealt with include Chinese funeral noises at Ho Mun Tin; the defective lighting in the Coronation and Waterloo Roads; bathing facilities; and the housing problem.

OTHER GAMES.

The following are the results of yesterday's games:—

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

Challenge Round.—Ng Sze Kwong beat O. Rumjahn, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

S. E. Green beat A. Grearley, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

HANDICAP SINGLES "A."

W. B. Cornaby (115/3) beat G. Miskin (14/6), 6-2, 6-4.

HANDICAP SINGLES "B."

C. W. E. Bishop (14/6) beat W. N. Nicholson (11/0), 6-2, 6-3.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

G. R. Sayer and A. D. Humphreys (4/0) beat E. P. Harrison and M. G. Edwards (12/0), 6-6, 7-5.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

One of the semi-finals of the mixed doubles is to be played off on the stand court this afternoon, when G. Sewell, partnered by Miss H. Irving will meet A. D. Ball and Mrs. Bevan.

VOLUNTEERS v. KING'S.

A friendly tennis match was played by the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps against the King Edward's Own "Grenadiers" at the United Services Recreation Club on April 22nd. The Grenadiers won a well-contested series of sets by 6 sets to 3.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

HOW IT WAS CELEBRATED IN HONGKONG.

Although it is to be feared that not many Englishmen in the Colony realised the fact, yesterday was St. George's day. There were the usual exchange of messages between the Hongkong St. George's Society, the parent society in London, and fraternal societies in the East during the day. The message sent to the London Society read as follows:—

"Hongkong Society sends loyal greetings and best wishes to Parent Society."

The Secretary of the Hongkong branch of the Society (Mr. G. H. Piercy), on the instructions of his committee, sent the following messages to branches of the Society in the East:—

"Best wishes and warmest greetings from Hongkong Society."
The branches receiving this message were those at Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking, Hankow, Kobe, Yokohama, Penang and Kinto (Perak). All the messages were sent out in the name of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the President of the local Society.

The Secretary also received replies during the day from these Societies. The following was the reply from the London Society:—

"Great banquet Guildhall, Prince of Wales chair, special service Cathedral, observances England's Day."

Of the messages from Eastern Societies, the following may be quoted, having been received from the Society at Kinto:—

"St. George for Merrie England, Loyalty to the King. Success of the Empire, God bless the Prince of Wales."

The day was also marked locally by the despatch to Lady Stubbs by the Society of a bouquet of roses, and by the offering of prizes to children in the British school of the Colony for essays on patriotic subjects.

During the tiffin hour a couple of blue-jackets stood outside the Hongkong Hotel, and sold miniature St. George's flag badges in aid of Naval charities.

HONGKONG DOCKS AND CHINESE WARSHIPS.

DO REPAIRS AFFECT NEUTRALITY?

Rauter's Correspondent at Peking recently circulated the following message:—
According to reports received from Canton, the naval authorities there have asked that the Chinese warships may be sent to Hongkong to be refitted and repaired.

It is understood that the Hongkong authorities have not yet decided whether to agree to this request. From the strictly legal point of view there is no reason why the ships of one Power should not be repaired by those of a friendly Power, but in this case there is the possibility that the ships, when repaired, might be used on one side or the other, in a civil war, and it is doubtful what guarantee could be given that they would not be so used.

FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.


Considerable damage was caused by a fire which broke out at No. 238, Queen's Road Central, a four storied building, on Saturday afternoon. The ground and first floors were occupied by a Chinese goldsmith, trading under the name of Ho Wah firm, and the two upper floors were used as dwelling houses. The fire originated on the second floor at about a quarter past five. The Fire Brigade, after working hard for half an hour, successfully prevented the further progress of the fire. In an hour their services were no longer needed. The goldsmith's shop only suffered slight damage, and was opened for business the next day. The whole house was insured with three companies for the sum of \$5,000.

BRITISH SOLDIER CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Pte. John Wilder, of the King's Regiment, appeared before a District Court Martial, presided over by Major H. L. Wright (of the King's Regt.), yesterday morning, at Murray Barracks, on eight charges of theft, and of receiving stolen property belonging to certain comrades in his Company. The property concerned consisted of two razors, a towel and a shaving brush. The alleged thefts were said to have taken place between March 14th and 17th and on or about April 7th.

Evidence was given to the effect that the accused had been seen in the barrack-room at the time certain articles were lost, and suspicion fell on him. On accused's kit being inspected, a razor was found in his kit bag which another man claimed to have lost. Other witnesses deposed to finding a shaving brush and a towel in the accused's bedding, which were claimed by the other men of the regiment as their property.


The defence suggested the possibility of these things having been placed in accused's kit bag and bedding. He was not present when the searches were carried out. Nobody saw him actually take the missing articles. The finding of the Court will be promulgated in due course.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, 5th MAY, at Noon.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd April, 1923, to 3th May, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
S. J. JORDAIN, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HARRY VALLEY, on SATURDAY, 5th MAY, commencing 3.15 p.m. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half Price. Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINDSEY & DAVIS, at \$5.00 each up to Friday, 4th May.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "NYANZA."

Arrived Hongkong on 23rd April, 1923.

From ANTWERP, LONDON, ADEEN, PORTSAID, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at risk at the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godowns Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 8 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected, by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. GORDON & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m., on Mondays and Thursdays.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1923. [752]

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

From NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "CITY OF BIRMINGHAM"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods being landed at their risk. Consignees of hazardous or extra-hazardous Goods of Hot's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 30th April, 1923, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 7th May, 1923, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the free storage period of one week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1923. [751]

THE HONGKONG SMALL INVESTORS' SHARE AND REAL ESTATE CO.

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HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING OF THE DEBENTURE HOLDERS of the above-named Company constituted by Trust Deed dated the 20th day of May, 1914, and registered in the Land Office by Memorial No. 55395 and made between the said Company of the one part and The Honourable Mr. DAVID LINDSAY and Newton JOHN STARR (now Sir NEWTON JOHN STARR, Kt.) as Trustees of the other part supplemented by an Indenture of Assignment made between the same parties and dated the 1st day of November, 1916, and registered in the Land Office by Memorial No. 61189 (both of which are heretofore included in the expression "the said Debenture Trust Deed") will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of MAY, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing an Extraordinary Resolution, or Extraordinary Resolutions, for the purpose of certain proposed modifications of the rights of the Debenture Holders against the Company and authorizing the Trustees to execute or concur in the execution of all such Agreements, Assignments, Deeds or other documents as they may deem or be advised to be expedient for carrying out such proposed modifications and for safeguarding the interests of the Debenture Holders.

This Notice is issued pursuant to the provisions contained in the Third Schedule to the Debenture Trust Deed.

Dated this 20th day of April, 1923.

By Order of the Board,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary to the General Managers.

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THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th APRIL, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1922, and confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing a Director and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 23rd April, 1923, until Saturday, the 28th April, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
WALTER J. HAWKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1923. [715]

THE SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th APRIL, 1923, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1922, and confirming the appointment of the Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 25th April, 1923, until Saturday, the 28th April, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
WALTER J. HAWKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1923. [716]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Underwriter on THURSDAY, the 10th MAY, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1922.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 30th instant to the 10th May, 1923, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.
Hongkong, 19th April, 1923. [738]

HONGKONG HIDE & LEATHER CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, STEPHEN'S BUILDING, 67 and 69, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th day of APRIL, 1923, at 12.15 p.m., when the subject of Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions, namely:

A.—That 51,550 of the existing Unissued Shares of \$10 be divided into 129,140 Shares of \$4 each.

B.—That the Capital of the Company be divided into two classes of Shares namely 48,344 Ordinary "A" Shares of \$10 each and 129,140 Ordinary "B" Shares of \$4 each and that the provisions following in regard thereto have effect, that is to say:

(1) The Ordinary "A" Shares aforesaid shall be those Shares which are numbered 1 to 48,344 inclusive and one additional \$10 Share which if and when issued shall be numbered 48,344.

(2) The Ordinary "B" Shares aforesaid shall be those Unissued Shares of \$4 each which will when issued be numbered 48,345 to 177,485 inclusive.

(3) The said Ordinary "B" Shares shall as from the date of their issue fully paid rank equally with the said Ordinary "A" Shares as regards dividend transmissibility, conference of rights to vote and distribution of assets in the event of winding up.

(4) If the Company shall be wound up the surplus assets shall be distributed as nearly as may be among the members in proportion to the number of shares held by them at the commencement of the winding up. But this clause is to be without prejudice to the rights of the holders of shares issued upon special terms and conditions.

C.—That the Articles of Association be amended by the deletion of clauses 107 and 125 thereof.

Should the Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting, which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board,
A. PEPPERELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1923. [751]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DEFINITIVE Certificate No. 5/24, 6558 dated 21st December, 1920, for 50 Shares numbered 24012 to 24019, 27935 to 27942, 28505 to 28511, 35843 to 35857, Provisional Certificate No. 57/768 dated 30th May, 1921, for 11 Shares, numbered 130243 to 130253, and Provisional Certificate No. 57/1045 for 1 Share numbered 131429 all registered in the name of Mr. SIN YEE SICKQUA are reported to have been destroyed by fire, and should these certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 15th day of May, 1923, New Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Definitive Certificate No. 5/24, 6558 and Provisional Certificates Nos. 57/768 and 57/1045 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1923. [706]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE

M. F. KRAEMER has been authorized to sign our Firm Per Procurator as from THIS DAY on.

BERHLINGER & CO.
Canton, 17th April, 1923. [736]

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ONE Certificate for 3 Shares Nos. 12593/12595 and One Certificate for 3 Shares Nos. 12596/12598 in this Company, standing in the Name of LI HIM U and LI U CHEONG respectively have been LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above documents be not forthcoming, other Certificates for the said shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1923. [684]

MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS WANTED.

MESSRS. DEACON, HARSTON AND SHEXTON, of No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Solicitors, have for Investment the Sum of \$300,000, and are prepared to consider Applications for the Advancement of the same on First Class Mortgages of House Property. [739]

LADIES and GENTLEMEN Suffering from any kind of Disease, however complicated and long-standing the case may be, are requested to write present condition of the disease. Full particulars of treatment, advice, etc., free under cover. "SAR" WORKS, Beacon-square (H.P.), Calcutta (India). [105]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 24th, 1923.

THE LINER OF THE FUTURE.

When we see naval architects of the standing of Sir EUSTACE D'YONCOURT and Mr. JOHN H. NARBETH suggesting the possibility of great liners being fitted up as aircraft carriers to meet the demands of the travelling public we may conclude that the time is not far distant when something may be attempted on these lines though the suggestion at present will seem fantastic to most people. In a joint paper by these two experts read at the annual meeting of the Institution of Naval Architects recently it was remarked that much discussion had taken place as to the vital connection between the fighting navy and the fighting air services in all countries, and the time had arrived, they said, when national consideration was demanded respecting the relations between the mercantile marine and the mercantile air services. The idea, as one of the London papers remarks, is not entirely new, but this is probably the first time it has been worked out with any degree of technical detail, with plans and dimensions. That any ship will ever be built in strict accordance with the ideas of these two highly-skilled naval constructors is doubtful, says our contemporary, but that we shall see in due course commercial vessels provided with aeroplanes is beyond question. At present aviation is not a paying business, and calculations have been made which go to prove that while the cost per ton mile of a tramp steamer is only a half-penny, that of an aeroplane postal service, such as is now maintained between Cairo and Baghdad, amounts to about 2s. while that of a liner varies, in accordance with the accommodation provided, from 2s. to over 4s. It is on that

ground that it is proposed that the aeroplane should be regarded as the handmaid of the steamer, or, in other words, as an extension of the steamer's power to serve the interests of civilisation.

The authors of the paper suggested that vessels from Great Britain to New York could send off aeroplanes which would reach Montreal before the steamer could get to New York. A corresponding gain would be made by Canadian steamers using the port of Halifax. On approaching Halifax the aeroplane could depart before the vessel reached the port, and vice versa. Vessels running from Great Britain to Australia could run to Port Said without a stop, and in their route without stopping could serve Lisbon, Gibraltar, Algiers, Malta, and Naples. They could then run from Suez to Colombo, and deal with mails for Port Sudan, Khartoum, Aden, Somaliland, and possibly Bombay. While on the run from Colombo to Sydney various other aerial services could be maintained. Vessels running from Vancouver to Hongkong or Australia could in the same way, the authors of the paper said, deal with Pacific islands and ports. The advantages of a ship designed after the style they suggested, in the authors' opinion, appeared to be so great as to constitute a direct challenge to the present stereotyped arrangements for passenger liners, quite apart from the question of special arrangements for carrying aircraft.

Most people, we think, will agree that it is very doubtful whether men and women of the present generation will ever acquire the "air habit," of doing for pleasure what many of them will do now under the spur of necessity or affection—as illustrated by Lady CARNARVON's flight to Egypt in order that she might join her husband when she learnt of his illness. On the Atlantic run, possibly, there may be among steamship travellers enough men in a hurry to justify the experiment, but on the Pacific run, from Vancouver to Hongkong, we cannot imagine that there will be many people interested in a side trip by aeroplane to the Aleutian Islands—which are the only Pacific islands in sight on the course taken by steamships, nor can we imagine that many will be in such a hurry to land on either side of the ocean by aeroplane as to justify shipowners in making the necessary provision on their ships. But when we have plans and dimensions worked out by such experts in naval architecture as the gentlemen named above, the subject can hardly fail to receive consideration at the hands of the large steamship owners catering for trans-oceanic passengers traffic. It is true that the prospect of a steamer of 40,000 to 45,000 horse-power being built capable of carrying sixty aeroplanes, while at the same time providing accommodation for twelve hundred and fifty passengers, in addition to the crew, is one calculated to fire the latest of imaginations. We no longer doubt the feasibility of such developments as our forefathers in the early years of the last century scouted the idea of crossing the Atlantic in a steam-driven ship, but we have only to cast our thoughts back to those times to realize how unsafe it is to seek to set limits to the extension of scientific progress and development.

The total output of the Kaiaia Mining Administration's mines for the week ending April 7th amounted to 80,000 tons and the sales to 85,338 tons.

The Japanese street names at Tsingtao have all been changed to Chinese names. The only foreign names are English, such as Observatory Hill, First, Second and Third Markets, and First, Second and Third Parks.

The death is reported in the Home papers of the Rev. Duncan FERGUSON, M.A., of the English Presbyterian Mission, Tainan, Formosa, at the age of 62. Mr. FERGUSON died suddenly at Eastbourne on March 16th.

Paymaster-Commander W. J. A. BROWN, C.B.E., joins the *Titanic*, mother ship of the submarines on the China Station, at Hongkong. Another appointment is the Rev. H. G. G. BORISON, M.A., as chaplain of the *Hawkins*, flagship of the station, on recommissioning.

A thick fog outside the harbour on Sunday night was the cause of the two steamers from Macao, the *s.s. Sui An* and the *s.s. Chuen Chiu*, arriving in port two hours and one hour late respectively. Both steamers were compelled to anchor to the west of Cheung Chau Island.

Mr. L. C. Anderson, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, arrived on the P. & O. *Nyanza* and is proceeding to Amoy.

Police officers seized 980 taels of raw opium on board a junk in the Harbour on Sunday afternoon, and arrested two men in connection with the seizure.

While trying with his service revolver on Saturday, an Indian guard named Gaggat Singh at Cheung Chau accidentally shot himself in the leg. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

A Chinese woman was knocked down by a motor car in Queen's Road East on Sunday afternoon and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to the leg. The car belonged to the Police Garage.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has been pleased to select Mr. J. Strachan, Assistant Director of Public Works, Federated Malay States, for appointment as Director of Public Works in Ceylon on the retirement of Mr. T. H. Chapman, O.B.E., in August, 1924. Mr. Strachan, who is 46 years of age, was formerly chief engineer of the Lake Development Scheme in Ceylon.

Mah Jongg (says the *China Express*) is becoming so popular, now, in London, that a club has been formed in Dover-street especially to play it. Lord Louis Mountbatten is said to be one of these interested. The game cost £8 10s. not many days ago; but now you can get it for £3 10s. 6d. Although they say it is easier than bridge, it looks so complicated to the uninitiated that the rules, alone, cost 3s.

It is quite likely that more will be heard of the Penang will case. The plaintiff, against whom the decision was given, has applied for leave to appeal in *forma pauperis*. The appeal will very likely come before the Full Court sometime next month, in which case the Judges who will hear the appeal will be the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees-Davies), the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) and Sir Skinner Turner (Chief Judge at Shanghai).

The Chung Mei News Service states that according to a telegram received by President Li Yuan-hung, cannibalism is being resorted to by the peasants in Szechuan. The telegram states that there has been no rain or snow in that area for months as a result of which the wheat crop has been an 80 per cent. failure. The usual famine practices of eating bark and selling young children are in evidence in addition to the killing of human beings for their flesh. Hence the telegram importunes the President to raise a sufficient sum of money to save this section of China.

At a meeting of graduates of Oxford and Cambridge Universities held in Hongkong on Friday last it was decided to form an Oxford and Cambridge Society. As there is to be no discrimination as to nationality, Chinese, Portuguese and other nationalities are eligible for election. The officers elected for the Society are:—President, H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.); Vice-Presidents, Sir Wm. Rees-Davies, Sir Wm. Brunyate and the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria; Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. R. E. Lindell and J. E. Warner. The following were elected to serve on the Committee: The Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax, Hon. C. Mc. Messer, Mr. T. N. Chau and Mr. C. E. H. Beavis. In addition to social intercourse, the Society hopes to extend hospitality to distinguished visitors passing through Hongkong.

The American community and the many foreign and Chinese friends of the good of Hongkong gathered in Shanghai last week at dinner at the New Carlton to offer their respects to Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham, U.S. Consul-General in Shanghai. The event was in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the entrance of Mr. Cunningham into the consular service of his country and was characteristically national in its execution, the Consular flag and Old Glory being the motif of the decorative scheme. Not only were all the American organizations officially represented, both as host and visitor, but the 400 other individuals attending says *N.Y. Daily News*, came from all walks of life, including the officials of the other Powers represented in Shanghai, as well as a personal representative of Mr. Jacob Gould Schurman, the American Minister in Peking.

In view of the pending departure of Mr. R. M. Dyer, managing-director of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock, on furlough, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer were entertained by the Comptroller of the Company (Mr. Lo Cheung Kue) on Saturday evening to a Chinese dinner at the Yee Woo Restaurant, West Point. Among those present at the function were a number of the members of the European staff of the Dock Company and well-known Chinese merchants. Mr. Lo Cheung Kue in the course of a speech referred in eulogistic terms to Mr. Dyer's work in connection with the Dock. The extensive developments, he said, were in no small measure due to the foresight, clear vision and business acumen of Mr. Dyer. Replying, Mr. Dyer said that he considered much of the development of the Company was due to the loyal co-operation of the staff and he hoped that this would continue so that the Dock would become not only the premier dock in the Far East but also in other parts of the world.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

RUHR SITUATION CHANGED.

"A MILLIARD GOLD MARKS.
MORE OR LESS."

BERLIN, April 22nd.

In a speech at a demonstration, Stresemann, the leader of the German People's Party said that Lord Curzon's speech in the House of Lords had created a new political situation, and formed a suitable basis for the continuance of the Inter-Allied discussion. An understanding could be reached with Germany in regard to reparations, for Germany's life did not depend on whether she paid a milliard gold marks, more or less, but it did depend on the Rhine and the Ruhr remaining German. Therefore, there could be no understanding with regard to the surrender of the German Rhineland, for every German government and party regarded German sovereignty in the Rhineland as an obvious condition of any definite peace settlement.

EARLIER CABLES.

DUE TO LORD CURZON'S
SPEECH.

BERLIN, April 22nd.

According to the Socialist party organ, the trade union leaders, as a result of the conference yesterday with the Chancellor and Foreign Minister, gained the impression that Lord Curzon's speech in the House of Lords has completely changed the situation compared with the last few weeks. The trade unionists emphasised the necessity for continuing passive resistance in the Ruhr until the termination of the present conflict, and urged the Government to do its utmost to hasten the evacuation of the Ruhr, declaring that the moment had come for the German Government to make definite proposals.

DUESMIDDER, April 22nd.

A French semi-official statement says the French customs receipts in the Ruhr since the establishment of the customs cordon are 714 million marks. The customs posts have also seized smuggled goods valued at twenty million francs, which will be auctioned. A lorry seized yesterday was carrying 800 million marks in notes.

M. POINCARÉ AND A FRANCO-
GERMAN ENTENTE.

LONDON, April 22nd.

In a speech at the unveiling in the Meuse department of a monument to the fallen, M. Poincaré did not refer to Lord Curzon's speech or to Great Britain. He merely reaffirmed the French determination to obtain full reparations and security. He replied to certain statements by the German Foreign Minister, Von Rosenberg, notably his hopes for a Franco-German entente, as to which M. Poincaré declared that since the coming of peace France had not ceased to give proofs of her patience and magnanimity towards Germany, but it was useless to talk of an entente when Germany began by establishing the doctrine of non-recognition of treaties and repudiation of signatures. The essential conditions of a rapprochement were contained in the words reparations and security. Without a guarantee of French independence, and the restoration of the ravaged territories, neither the reconstruction of Europe nor the maintenance of tranquillity would be possible. M. Poincaré mentioned that the Allies on April 15th had agreed to call upon Germany to suppress the organisation of her police on a military basis, and substitute a genuinely civil force.

LATEST CABLES.

CHESTER CONCESSIONS
NEW AMERICAN FINANCIAL
GROUP FORMED.

LONDON, April 22nd.

The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent says a new powerful syndicate, wholly independent of the Chester group, is being formed in the United States for the purpose of buying up and developing existing options and concessions in Turkey proper, and the detached territories.

The Morning Post's Constantinople correspondent says that the Turkish Government, with a view to placating France, is likely to offer the latter a concession, for the construction of the Eskishir-Basra-Panderna railway, and the port of Panderna in lieu of the concessions made over to the Chester group.

EARLIER CABLES.

ISMET PASHA AND FRENCH
INTERESTS.

PARIS, April 22nd.

Interviewed at Lausanne by the correspondent of Le Matin with regard to the Chester concessions, Ismet Pasha is said to have declared that apart from the clauses of the concession dealing with the port of Samsum-Sivas railway, he did not believe that French interests were affected. In view of the vast amount of work to be done in Turkey, there would be no difficulty in finding other concessions to grant. The Turks had come to Lausanne fully hoping for peace, but they could not wait to begin the necessary work in Turkey until the negotiations of the Powers had concluded. They had therefore come to an arrangement with regard to the most pressing work with a syndicate able to begin operations immediately without previous conditions.

LATEST CABLES.
DROP IN RUBBER SHARES.
DUE TO DEFECTS IN STEVENSON
SCHEME.

LONDON, April 22nd.

The recent reaction in rubber shares is surmised by the Financial Times to be due to defects in the enforcement of the Stevenson restriction scheme, particularly in the liberality of production licenses granted to native owners. The Financial Times is of the opinion that many existing loopholes in the carrying out of the scheme will be gradually stopped, and hopes that when the new allocation of licenses occurs in May, a less generous production standard will be fixed. The newspaper advises rubber shareholders not to sell at present.

EGYPT'S NEW CONSTITUTION.
STRONGLY CONDEMNED BY
NATIONALIST EXECUTIVE.

CAIRO, April 22nd.

The Wafd, or Nationalist Executive has issued a manifesto condemning the new constitution. It declares that the constitution does not respect the nation's rights, and leaves the door open for foreign interference; it does not represent the will of the nation, and does not mention Egypt's frontiers nor the Sudan, "which is the life of Egypt and from which it is inseparable"; it does not declare who is King of Egypt or King of the Sudan; and does not deal with individual liberty, freedom of meetings and the Press. Egypt is no more free than before the declaration of independence, and the nation will continue its efforts and finally obtain its desires.

EARLIER CABLES.

KIDNAPPED ENGLISHWOMAN
LADY DOCTOR TO THE RESCUE.

PESHAWAR, April 22nd.

Mrs. Starr, a lady doctor of the Peshawar Medical Mission, who heroically volunteered to go to Tirah to help Miss Ellis, started for Tirah yesterday. She was personally escorted across the border near Shinwari by the Chief Commissioner from Langru. Mrs. Starr's safety has been guaranteed by the Chiefs of the Afridi and Orakzai tribes. She has been received in a friendly manner in the course of her journey.

TRIBESMEN ASSIST IN THE SEARCH.

SIMLA, April 22nd.

A communiqué states that there is no further news as to the exact whereabouts of Miss Ellis, but there is little doubt that she has been taken to some mountain stronghold in the heart of the Tirah country. Tribal opinion is strongly incensed against the offenders, whose crime was openly denounced in the mosque. Widespread measures covering the whole Afridi and Orakzai Tirah have been taken to discover Miss Ellis. The chiefs and headmen of the various tribes are on the way to try and effect her release.

LATER.

Miss Ellis is in charge of Mrs. Starr at Khankhazai, Tirah. She is weak in the feet, bruised and bleeding, but is otherwise well.

MISS ELLIS SUFFERING FROM
FATIGUE.

SIMLA, April 22nd.

Mrs. Starr reports that Miss Ellis has been in no wise molested or injured beyond the results of fatigue. Negotiations are proceeding for her release, but her welfare is now assured.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE
PROPOSED LIMITATION OF
ARMAMENTS.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, April 22nd.

At a meeting of the armaments committee of the Pan-American Conference, Brazil proposed the limitation of capital ships to eighty thousand tons, without any limitation for other vessels. Chile proposed a limit of eighty thousand tons for capital ships only, but it was reported that she would be agreeable to a lower figure if the Argentine and Brazil concurred. The Argentine proposed fifty-five thousand tons for capital ships and twenty-five for auxiliaries and fifteen for submarines. Chile then moved the appointment of a sub-committee of naval experts to reach an agreement. The decision was postponed until Tuesday. Brazil suggested the limitation of land armament on the basis of the Central American conference agreement. Action was postponed.

The committee on hygiene adopted a resolution submitted by the United States delegation recommending that the exportation of intoxicants to prohibition countries should be prohibited by the nations where the liquor traffic was still legal.

ZEEBRUGGE MEMORIAL
LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE.

ZEEBRUGGE, April 22nd.

The foundation stone of the noble memorial of the famous British raid in wartime was laid to-day by the Governor of West Flanders on a site near the shore end of the mole, in the presence of a distinguished British and Belgian company. The memorial will consist of a granite column seventy feet high, surmounted by a figure of St. George slaying the dragon, visible far out to sea. It will be inscribed "United for Justice", with the names of the fallen and of the participating warships.

The Governor described the landing as one of the most brilliant deeds in naval history. There were other speeches at the ceremony and preceding a banquet in Bruges town hall, which laid stress on the close Anglo-Belgian ties. Magnificent wreaths were subsequently deposited on the memorial.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN THE
NORTH.

PEKING, April 23rd.

Many military movements continue to be reported from Hsifengkow, and also from Luanchow. Amongst other movements the first Shensi division is reported to be moving from Honan to Jehol. Large quantities of ammunition from the Tschow arsenal are being transported to various places within the Great Wall.

It is reported from Mukden that there are not many troops west of Chinchow, but large forces of cavalry are concentrated near Hsifengkow.

Gen. Wang Hui Ching has despatched two subordinate generals to Jehol, with instructions to investigate the situation.

Pao Kuei Ching, ex-Minister of War, has gone to Mukden in order to negotiate with General Chang Tso Lin.

HOT SPRINGS OF JAPAN.

Those who are contemplating a holiday in Japan, and are desirous of obtaining information about the spas of the country, should procure a volume published recently by the Japanese Government Railways under the title of "The Hot Springs of Japan." It also gives very full information about the principal cold springs and covers not only the territory of Japan proper, but Chosen, (Korea), Taiwan (Formosa) and South Manchuria. As the introduction to the volume very truly says, no country in the world is so blessed with natural hot springs as Japan. How many there are in the abundant endowment of the Empire is not exactly known; the Editor says, but 951 hot springs and 155 cold springs are of sufficient importance to be listed, and of these so far as the analyses have progressed, over 250 have been found to possess radio-activity, or the property of emitting special radiations like radium. The majority of these springs, the compiler says have valuable medicinal qualities and most of them are unknown to the ordinary tourist by reason of their remoteness from the beaten tracks of travel, their difficulty of access, and the meagre accommodation available, all of which, he says, is unfortunate because many of the springs located in these distant places possess the highest therapeutic properties.

By the publication of this valuable and interesting book, of nearly 600 pages including 196 illustrations, 15 maps and specially drawn two-coloured lithographs, there is no longer any excuse for ignorance. In the book the springs are classified according to their chemical composition and are roughly divided into six groups: simple thermal, acid, carbonated salt, sulphur, and iron springs. Full information is given as to how to reach them and the rates for accommodation at the local inns are given. "The Hot Springs of Japan" is "more than a guide book," and certainly would be a useful supplement to any guide book the traveller might take with him, and incidentally there are none better than the guides published by the Japanese Government Railways and "The Hot Springs of Japan" is uniform in size and general arrangement with the Railway Administration's guide books.

SOVIET TERRORISM.

CALLS FOR PROTESTS FROM
"RED" LEADERS.

RIGA, April 22nd.

It is reliably reported from Moscow that M.M. Chicherin, Krassin, and Krestinsky have made energetic representations to the Government against the renewed terrorist methods, as undermining foreign confidence. M. Krassin threatens to resign if the policy is continued.

The Communist Congress at Moscow passed a resolution in favour of strengthening the Red Army, as conflicts are not impossible; also to support all parties abroad opposing capitalist Governments, the continuance of the Government's foreign trade monopoly, and increased export of corn.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE
DEPENDENT ON THE BRITISH
NAVY.

SYDNEY, April 22nd.

Speaking at a military reunion, Mr. Bowden, the Minister for Defence, said the time had arrived for Australia to decide her defence problems. "We are absolutely dependent for naval defence on the Empire; if attacked we could only hope to hold out until the mother fleet arrived. Even for that purpose expenditure must be considerably increased."

U.S. LIQUOR SMUGGLING.

BRITAIN TO HELP IN ITS SUP-
PRESSION.

NEW YORK, April 22nd.

A message from Washington declares that Great Britain, responding to a request by the State Department, offered co-operation in curbing liquor smuggling, but declined Mr. Hughes' proposal of a mutual search of ships on the high seas.

PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS.

LONDON, April 21st.

At Holborn Hall, in the semi-final of the Professional Billiards Championship, the half-way score was: Smith, 8,000 (including a break of 638); Falkiner, 4,963 (including breaks of 630 and 82).

THE DAVIS CUP AND
AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY, April 22nd.

The pressure of public opinion will possibly induce reconsideration of the Davis Cup decision. The secretary of the Tennis Association says that if Anderson can go under the Association's conditions Australia will be represented.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL
ORCHESTRA.

Notice of an amendment to reduce the estimate for the Municipal orchestra by one thousand taels, was given for discussion at the annual ratepayers' meeting.

The smallness of the reduction on an estimate of Tls. 110,290 net, makes it clear that the amendment is intended more as a vote of censure than a striving for economy and the N.C. Daily News discussing the subject writes:—

It cannot be denied that the expenses of the orchestra have risen considerably in the past three years. In 1913, the last complete year before the war, the estimate was Tls. 53,000 and the actual expenditure Tls. 50,000, in round figures. Comparison with to-day's rates is hardly fair, because the band is about ten men stronger than in 1913, and salaries all round have gone up greatly since those days. Yet very beautiful concerts were then given, including the best symphonies and operatic extracts, and, what is bound to be remarked, estimates and expenditure kept more closely in touch with each other and did not advance by leaps as big as they have done lately. During the war the orchestra was merely, so to speak, kept alive. Reorganization and expansion began in 1920 and culminated in 1921 with Maestro Paci's voyage to Europe, engagement of a number of first-class musicians and purchase of a quantity of new music, all of which sent up expenditure above estimates. Here are the figures for the three years:—

	Estimate	Actual
Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
1920	69,730	74,490
1921	75,000	98,148
1922	77,550	99,214
1923	110,290	

In the year 1921 the Committee recommended an admission charge to offset the extra costs, but the results have not come up to expectation. These are the figures of receipts:—

	Estimate	Actual
Tls.	Tls.	Tls.
1921	10,000	2,214
1922	98,500	8,922
1923	12,000	

Here the increase of receipts as between the years 1921 and 1922 suggests that the more conservative estimate for this year may be realized; and the Band Committee are entitled to say that it takes time to educate the public to the idea that it must pay for what it has hitherto got free. But, unless it is tucked away in some elusive corner of the Report, that is no explanation from the Committee as to why the estimates have risen so much from year to year and why they still have been largely exceeded. And we think the Committee ought to have given some such explanation.

But if there is ground for attack, there is also ground for defence. Going back to the beginning of things, it will be recalled that the community decided to have an orchestra, and not merely a band, in order to enjoy the one form of artistic education and entertainment that was transplantable to the Far East, picture galleries and museums not being obtainable; and they have undoubtedly got it. Maestro Paci may or may not have a good head for finance; that indeed is not a common feature among artists. But that he is an admirable musician no one would question for a moment. He has built up a splendid orchestra; his readings are characterized by the greatest care and finish; he is continually inventing new attractions, bringing in outside soloists and introducing us to music hitherto undreamt of in the Far East, and he spares himself no trouble to make every performance a success. As Mr. Bowden-Smith argues to-day, it would be a world of pity that the orchestra having been brought to such a pitch of excellence should be allowed to fall away; and we believe Shanghai is not insensible to the pride of possessing what very few other towns in the world possess, a municipal orchestra capable of ably performing the "most exacting works." With all, we do not quite understand why the estimates for this year have risen so much beyond those of last, and that is, we think, the main point to which Mr. Paci's and Mr. Bowden-Smith's amendment is directed. We do not imagine they want the Committee to cut down the orchestra.

They do want it to temper the wind of its ambition, to the ratepaying lamb, already well shorn on other counts.

WORLD THEATRE.

"A Fool and his Money," adapted for the picture screen from the story by Geo. Barr McCutcheon and starring Eugene O'Brien, is the attraction at the World Theatre for three days, commencing yesterday. The story's setting is an ancient feudal castle in the Swiss Tyrol, where an American author goes in search of peace and literary atmosphere. He finds ghosts, villainous counts and romance. He goes through exciting experiences, has a heart-throb or two, and provides a fine romance for Mr. McCutcheon by winning "the only girl." The old saying, "A fool and his Money," was applied to him because he had purchased the castle but it turned out to be a fair bargain after all, and the "fool" proved to be anything but a fool. They say money is the root of all evil. Not so with Eugene O'Brien in this splendid picture. It is a story in the best vein of an author, whose books are always "best sellers."

COCAINE FOR CHINA.
CITY MAN SENT TO PRISON.

At the Guildhall Justice Room, London, on March 13th, before Alderman Sir William Pryke, Howard Montague Fogden Humphrey, 32, cutlery manufacturer, of Basinghall Street, E.C., and Summer Hill, Dyke Road, Brighton, pleaded "Guilty" to a charge under the Dangerous Drugs Act of unlawfully offering to procure morphine, heroin, and cocaine for a firm in China.

Mr. H. D. Roome, on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions, said the defendant was a director of H. M. F. Humphrey, Ltd., of Basinghall Street, hardware merchants, but behind the screen of legitimate business he controlled a powerful, secret, and wealthy organization for dealing in cocaine and morphine. The prosecution submitted that the defendant was a man of established position in the commercial world who employed the banking and shipping facilities available for business for the purpose of making huge profits by the traffic in dangerous drugs. The extent of his activities could be gauged by his own admissions. In a letter he said, "I have a perfect organization. I have many friends among the Customs. I understand the business thoroughly. In fact, I don't believe there is anyone who has a better control."

DRUGS HIDDEN IN FURNITURE.

On October 11th there arrived at Hong-kong the s.s. *Mishima Maru*, which was boarded by Revenue officers. A Japanese subject, Tiew Yui Kim, was arrested, and a quantity of his belongings, consisting of four cases of furniture, was seized. Tiew, with the furniture, was taken to the office of Mr. Lockhart Smith, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hong-kong. The furniture, which consisted of two sofas and four armchairs, was cut open, there was found hidden in the upholstery 2,400 ounces of morphine and 2,500 ounces of cocaine. In the possession of Tiew was found a number of documents through which the authorities were enabled, after great patience and vigilance, to lay hands on the accused man in this country. One of these documents was a receipt of the Tong Say Brothers Company, of Amoy, China, for 27,280, paid in four instalments to the defendant last August. This receipt was signed by him and the amount had been traced by the police to his banking account. There was also found in the possession of the Japanese an envelope, on the back of which, in the defendant's handwriting, were such directions as "One sofa contains 10 lbs." and so on, designating different articles of furniture and what could be concealed in them. In addition, there was found on Tiew a contract dated September 6th and signed by the defendant. It was an agreement between Tong Say Brothers and H. M. F. Humphrey, Ltd., whereby the former agreed to purchase drugs through the latter firm at prices to be arranged over a period of one year certain, and the latter (Humphrey) agreed not to sell to any other Chinese firm during the same period. Another document related to an intended second shipment of 2,500 oz. of cocaine and a large quantity of heroin, of the total value of 23,795.

INTERCEPTED LETTERS.

Tiew was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of \$25,000, and the documents found on him sent to England. In this way evidence was procured against the defendant. Letters were intercepted in the post. One letter post-dated in Japan, but written by a representative of Tong Say Brothers, referred to the warm welcome Tiew Yui Kim received from Humphreys when in London, and the "unfortunate accident" he had met with in Hongkong, and asking to have new codes prepared in future. On Feb. 1st a letter post-dated in London, and addressed to Chin See Mei, in Osaka, Japan, was also intercepted. In this letter a quantity of cocaine that would have produced 87½ million doses and about half the quantity of morphine was referred to, and it was pointed out that the profits, if sold at a cheap figure, might be £79,000 or even more. He boasted of the organization of the scheme, and said he had many friends among the Customs officials whom he could manage.

THE DEFENCE.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, for the defendant, said he was instructed that the defendant never had, in this country, delivered any drugs; that he never had, in this country, sold any; nor had he exported from or imported into this country any of these drugs. The only part he had played in the matter was that of an intermediary between licensed dealers in France, and Tiew, acting on behalf of Tong Say Brothers. In fact, the drugs in respect of which Tiew was convicted were purchased from two firms in Paris. Except for making the original arrangement—getting, of course, his commission—between the dealers entitled to sell in France and Tiew, the defendant had nothing more to do with the matter.

The letter of January 31st was, on the face of it, an offer to procure or supply drugs. But it was a letter full of bluff, and it was, in fact, part of the defence that the defendant's statement that he had been able to bribe the Customs officials was quite untrue. The magistrate imposed the maximum penalty of six months' imprisonment in the second division, and a fine of \$200, adding that in default of payment there would be a further three months' imprisonment.

CHIH LI F. FENG TIEN.
SITUATION "VERY TENSE."

The following messages reach us by the latest mail from the Asiatic News Agency's headquarters in Peking:—

SHANGHAI, April 13th.

Commodore Chen Pin-chin, department chief of the Ministry of the Navy, has arrived here from Peking in connection with the declaration of semi-independence by the captains and commanders of the various Chinese warships who are natives of the Fokien province. He immediately interviewed vice-Admiral Lin Chien-chang, leader of the anti-government movement. The naval officers demand the withdrawal of the presidential mandate about the appointment of general Su Chuan-fang to the post of military governor of Fokien in accordance with the system of self-government otherwise, in conjunction with the forces under the command of General Hsu Chung-tao (Dr. Sun Yat-sen's follower), General Wong Yun-chuan (former adherent of general Lu Yun-biang of Chekiang) the naval men will expel him by force from Fokien territory. The anti-government officers decline to cancel their former announcements unless the northern troops under Sun Shuan-fang be withdrawn at once. As there is no hope for general Wu Pei-fu to humbly accept the demands of the naval officers, the people expect hostilities shortly, general Ho Fenlin, the Anti leader, who controls the mouth of the Yangtze river, in conjunction with his superior general Lu Yun-biang, is maintaining a spectator's attitude while the real attitude of the Chihli leader at Nanking, general Chi Hsueh-yuan, is unknown at the moment. The mission of Commodore Chen is, therefore, a failure.

PEKING, April 14th.

Notwithstanding official denials, reports of secret army movements around Jehol and Shanghai are persistently coming in from well-informed and trustworthy sources. In responsible official and political circles, it is admitted that misunderstandings or misconceptions exist among both the Chihli and the Fengtien army leaders about the general situation; it is premature to suppose that civil war will break out in North China in the near future. They declared that both Chihli and Fengtien are undoubtedly prepared for the situation; but neither of them has mastered sufficient courage to re-start hostilities. It is reported that general Wu Pei-fu, with the consent of his nominal superior, Tsoo Kun, has already concentrated fully fifty thousand troops at the strategic pass of Hsifengkow, in Jehol on account of alleged danger from Mongolian bandits, and general Weng Hsai-chin, garrison commander of Peking, has been urged by the Loyang war lord to proceed to Jehol to assume his important duty as Super-Tiichun of the Jehol, Chahar and Shuiyuan special administrative districts. In view of the naval incident in Shanghai where officers have openly declared that in the enforcement of the system of self-government in Fokien, they have the moral support and sympathy of Kwangtung, Chekiang and Fengtien, the situation between Chihli and Fengtien is very tense, if not critical.

"THE SIX ROADS."

CAMPAIGN AGAINST EASTERN
PROVINCES.

The Military Correspondent of the Far Eastern Times writes:—

The disclosure made by the Peking Yih Shih Pao of the great plan of operation against the three Eastern provinces by Chihli by six roads has attracted great interest in foreign circles since such a plan does not come as a surprise to those who watched last year's campaign unfold. The Western flank of the two armies then played the main part. Marshal Chang Tso-lin, entrenched near Peking, put great weight on his Western wing, constituted by the forces around the Capital. The out-flanking of this wing was early noticeable after the first clash. General Wu Pei-fu sent light forces over the difficult mountain roads through the Western Hills and these light forces made themselves first felt by the opposing forces along the light railway linking up the Toli mining districts and the Peking-Hankow trunk line. When, shortly after this, a small engagement, Marshal Chang Tso-lin's right wing was blown up by the so-called declaration of neutrality on the part of the Peking district forces, the whole out-flanking movement by General Wu Pei-fu's light forces became superfluous.

A similar movement became evident when the second great clash occurred south of the Great Wall near Shanhaiwan. General Wu Pei-fu moved and forced forward light troops via Jehol with the distinct intention of cutting off Marshal Chang Tso-lin's retreat on the other side of the Great Wall. This outflanking movement has certainly given the idea to the Peking Yih Shih Pao of a forward move from whose right wing will touch the sea East of Tientsin and whose left wing will be near Kalgan.

First Tientsin, and later Yungkingfu and Changli and then Shanhaiwan, will be the pivots around which the whole front will slowly turn more and more to the East, so that at last the great Chihli Army will advance from the line Shanhaiwan-Chaoangang against Ching-chow with the main objective, Mukden, straight ahead.

The whole question of peace or war, in which every person and every nation engaged in business in North China is deeply and vitally interested, rests therefore with the attitude of the General Feng Yushan, and the forces at his command. If these forces remain neutral, there will be no civil war in North China. If General Feng Yushan or the other hand joins his old friends General Tsoo Kun and Wu Pei-fu, then war can not be avoided.

General Feng Yushan's journey to Panchin on the 11th of the present situation, he was not only a bad omen.



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BRITAIN'S AIR FORCE FRANCE'S GREAT SUPERIORITY.

An important debate on national defence was initiated in the House of Lords on March 21st, by the Earl of Birkenhead, and from all quarters of the House the Government was urged to review the position, with special reference to air defence. Lord Birkenhead took as his text the statement made by the Secretary for Air last week, showing the relative air strength of France and Great Britain, from which it appeared that at the moment the number of service air machines possessed by Great Britain is 371, as against France's 1,263, while we have only five squadrons for home defence against France's 61. Lord Birkenhead expressly disclaimed any idea of hostility to France, but contended that those responsible for the security of the country must take note of the change in the European atmosphere. The figures given by the Secretary for Air he regarded as disclosing a most alarming state of affairs.

In the past the defence of the country was entrusted to the Fleet. In the future, Lord Birkenhead believes, it must be in the hands of the Air Force. For that reason, any Government will be lacking in its duty unless it gives the country an Air Force sufficient for defence from attack. The country, he insists, will not be content during the next four or five years with a position of inferiority in the air any more than it would have been content with a position of naval inferiority before the war.

The whole subject, the Duke of Sutherland, Under-Secretary for Air, explained, is to come before the Committee of Imperial Defence, which will have to decide whether the axiom laid down in 1919, that no major war can be expected for ten years, still holds good. To keep pace with France, if she sticks to her proposed scheme of expansion, we shall have to spend a further sum of £17,000,000 a year on the Air Force.

Viscount Haldane confessed to a feeling of great uneasiness with regard to the position of home defence. He did not worry about the Navy or the Army, or the Air Force required to complete their establishments, but he was anxious about the defence of the centre of the Empire from a short-range air expedition.

Lord Carson took an even more gloomy view. The vast reductions in the Navy filled him with alarm. "The scrapping of ships may be 'an act of faith,' but he had no more faith in international politics than in home politics."

Viscount Long, another ex-First Lord, was of the same opinion. He favoured a review of the whole defence system, and in order to do justice to the people at home he insisted on an end being put to the spending of money abroad. "The problem was crystallised by Viscount Grey into one of the safety of London, which may be open to a sudden attack. Like other speakers, he regarded the position with great uneasiness. For him the cure is a more potent League of Nations, in which countries will have confidence."

In view of the expressions of opinion from all quarters of the House, the Marquis of Salisbury agreed that the Government would be able to approach the problem with a freer hand. "There is no question of a quarrel with France. He described the position as a difference of opinion as to method, which it is hoped will soon be cleared up. While hoping that the nations of Europe will be induced to embark on a policy leading to disarmament, and declining to take a gloomy view of the situation, he repeated that the question of defence is to be considered by the Committee of Imperial Defence at once. To strengthen the composition of the committee the Earl of Balfour and Lord Weir have been added to its members."

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

MR. H. G. WELLS ON LABOUR IDEALS.

Mr. H. G. Wells, who at the General Election was the unsuccessful and is still the Labour candidate for the University of London, was the guest of a number of graduates of the University who have Labour sympathies at a dinner on March 21st, of the University Club. He said the sort of discussion that had been going on in the House of Commons between abstract Socialism and abstract individualism seemed to him a very empty discussion indeed. In theory they all believed they did their best work when free to choose the sort of work they wanted to do, and to do it in their own way. The less control there was in life the better life went on. The real question was, having regard to the intelligence and moral quality of the community at the present time, how much of the concrete things of the world should be subject to private ownership and administration, and how much should be under some form of collective ownership.

Was the free hand of the private owner necessarily the best control? His answer was "No." The Labour party pointed out that under the private ownership system there had been enormous waste and inefficiency. The case for public ownership and production of minerals was extraordinarily strong. It was based upon the idea of efficient production. Men like Sir Alfred Mond talked as if pure and unadulterated private ownership made the railways of the world. There never was such utter nonsense. If there had been such absolute private ownership of land in Great Britain, there never would have been a main line railway. It would be no new departure if presently private ownership of the railway shareholders was pushed out of the management altogether, and restricted to a charge or annuity dependent on the amount of traffic. There was at present too much private ownership, and this was neither efficient nor did it make for the common good. The unhealthy rich men who made fortunes out of private commercial enterprises claimed that these were a triumph of private ownership and enterprise, but did those individuals ever do anything in the world but exploit for profit the scientific knowledge gathered for them by their betters?

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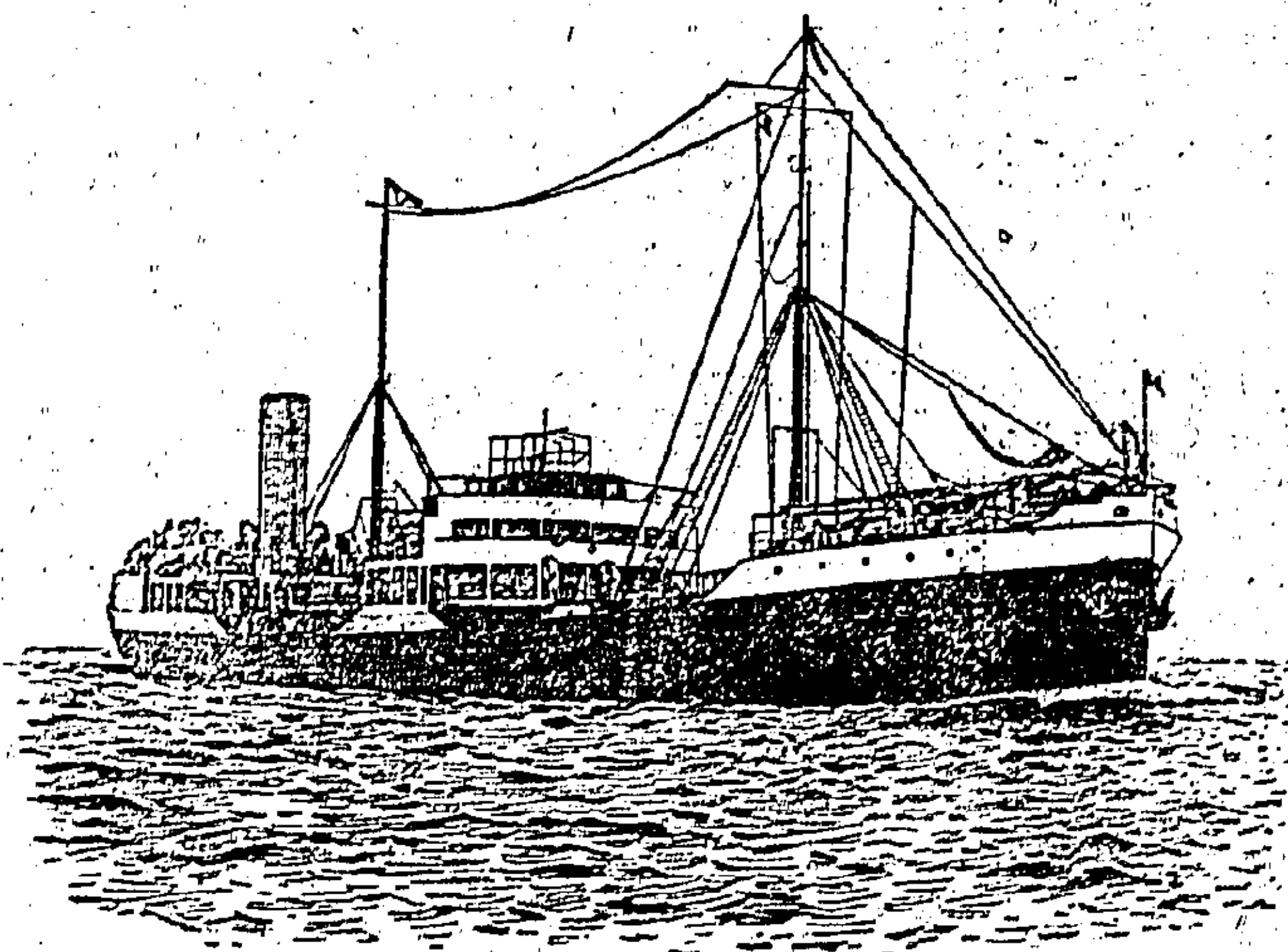
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Singapore Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.

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April 23rd.
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The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, and Shanghai on April 19th, and is due here on May 6th. She is due at Yokohama on April 20th.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia*, Capt. S. Robinson, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. via Shanghai (Woojing), Kobe and Yokohama at noon on May 4th.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Nagasaki on April 23rd, at 8 a.m., left at 6 p.m., and is due at Kobe to-day (April 24th), at 4 p.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Sado Maru* (Bombay line) left Moji for Hongkong on April 22nd, and is expected here on April 25th.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Toyohashi Maru* (Liverpool line) left Kobe for Hongkong via ports on April 22nd, and is expected here on May 8th.

WEATHER REPORT.

April 23rd at 10.55—Pressure is highest over N.E. China. It has increased slightly at Shanghai and Vladivostok. It has decreased moderately at Haiphong and slightly from Hongkong to the Loochoos. It is nearly stationary over the Philippines.

There are indications of a depression to the south-east of the Loochoos. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. 23rd April, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 9.22 inches, against an average of 10.04 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon 24th April, is as follows:—
 District Forecast

Hongkong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, rain, fog.

Formosa Channel The same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 23rd.

Day	at 1 p.m.	at 4 p.m.	at 7 p.m.
Barometer	29.82	29.79	29.73
Temperature	78	73	77
Humidity	87	96	93
Wind Direction	E	E	E
Wind Force	3	2	3
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 23rd... 77
 Lowest open-air Temperature on 23rd... 72

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 24th to 30th, 1923.

Days of Week	High Water			Low Water		
	Days of Month	Time	Height	Days of Month	Time	Height
Tues.	24	10 10	4 2	25	11 10	4 2
Wed.	25	10 08	4 1	26	11 08	4 1
Thurs.	26	10 06	4 0	27	11 06	4 0
Fri.	27	10 04	3 9	28	11 04	3 9
Satur.	28	10 02	3 8	29	11 02	3 8
Sun.	29	10 00	3 7	30	11 00	3 7
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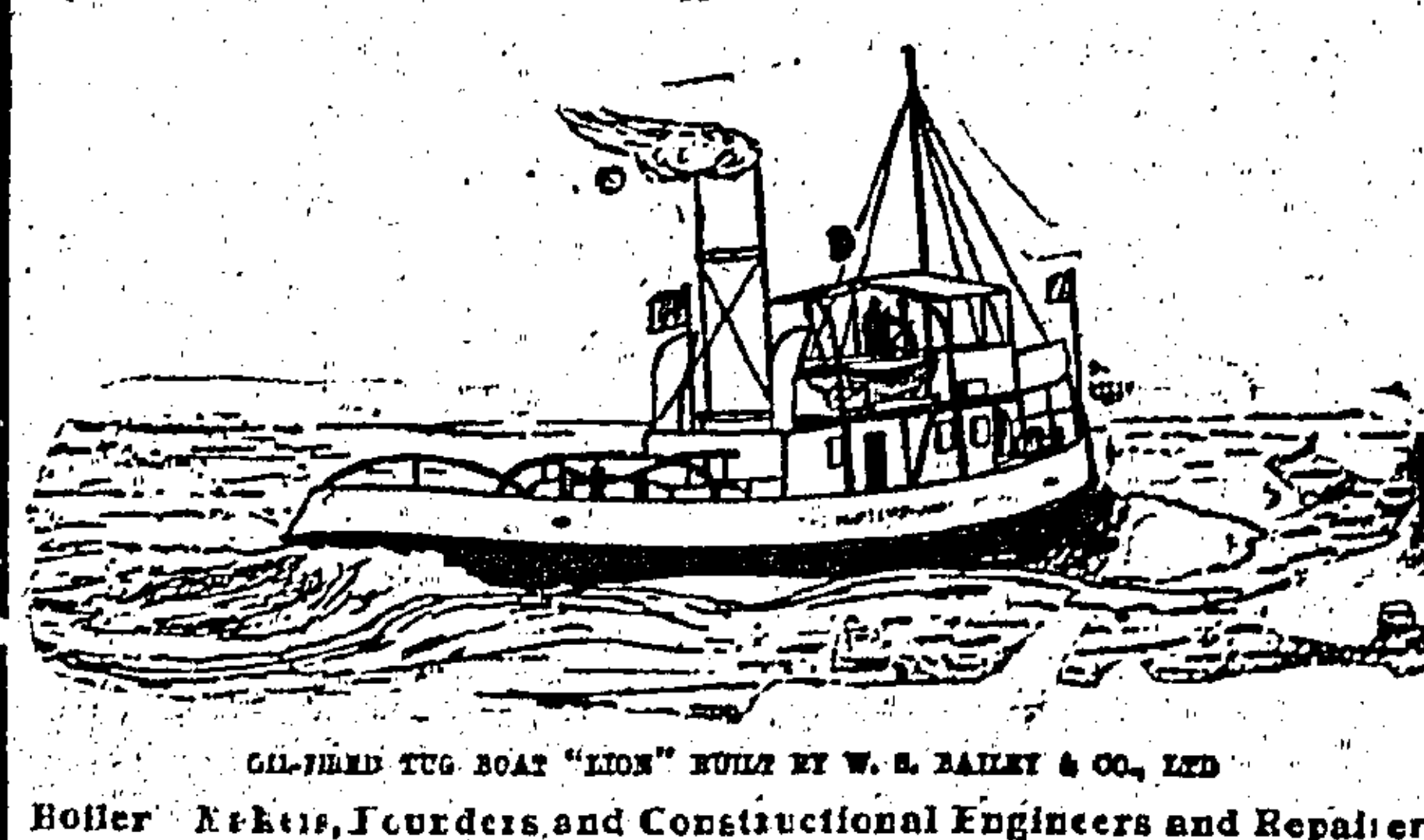
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LONDON, HUMBUR, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	Amazon Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 13th May
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Glendae	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 20th April
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Banka	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 23rd April
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BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, COLOMBO	Lt. St. Lambert-Bis	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 25th April
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO	Sotomaru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 25th April, 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	Scyllia	Brit.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 3rd May
SINGAPORE & BELAWAN-ORAI	Van Overstraten	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	On 25th April
BRINDISI, VENICE & FRIESTE	Venezia	Brit.	Doddwell & Co., Ltd.	On 25th April
HOIHOW, PEKAI & HAIPHONG	Yunnan	Brit.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th April, 11 a.m.
HAIPHONG via SHANGHAI & AMOY	Hozu Maru	Jap.	Yamashita Kisen Kaisha	About
KEELUNG via SHANGHAI & AMOY	Takura Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 24th April, 2 p.m.
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SHANGHAI via SHANGHAI	Hopang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 24th April
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SHANGHAI	Shanku Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 25th April, Noon
SHANGHAI	Choongshing	Dut.	Java-China-Japan-Lijn	About 30th April
SHANGHAI	Ti-tsoom	Dut.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 7th May
BANKA, HELLIGTON & BATAVIA	Indo Maru	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 24th April, 10 a.m.
CALOUTTA, SINGAPORE & RANGOON	Chunwang	Brit.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 24th April, 4 p.m.
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SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW	Haiching	Brit.	Douglas Laprak & Co.	On 27th April, 3 p.m.
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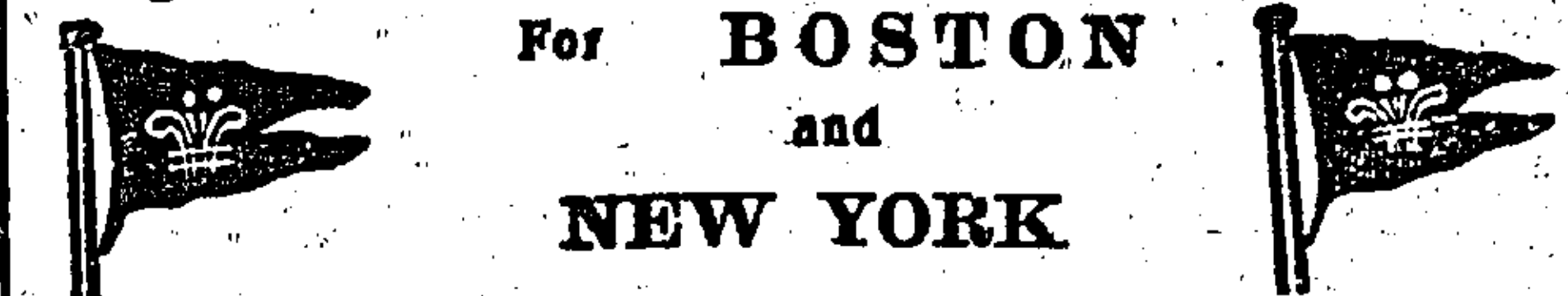
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